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In re Application of: Ketelson, Howard

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)
AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3)

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A three-month extension of the period for response to the outstanding Official Action mailed August 6, 2004, is hereby requested; the extended period for response will expire on February 7, 2005. (February 6th was a Sunday.)

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Respectfully submitted,
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